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NOTICE: Effective January 3, the Light type hen reports will no longer report light live hen prices in cents per pound, generally from slaughter within the next 10 days. The report will reflect producer costs in cents per bird for light type hen removal. The change is in response to request from egg producers, hen buyers, transporters and processors to reflect current industry hen removal practices.

**Live Light Type Hens
Cents Per Lb., Generally For Removal Within Next 10 Days
(Includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)**

| | Removal Cost | |
|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| | Range | Majority |
| Eastern Region | 0-7 | 3-5 |
| South Central Region | TFEWR | TFEWR |
| North Central Region | 0-5 | 2-3 |

**Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lb & Up)
Preliminary Negotiated Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
The Week Of January 6, 2003
At Farm Buyer Loading**

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Southeast Region | Too Few Sales To Report Prices |
| South Central Region | Too Few Sales To Report Prices |

**National Canner Fowl Market (Without Necks)
Cents Per Pound Delivered To First Receivers**

| | (Freight Cost Included) | | (Without Freight Cost) | |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | Range | Majority | Range | Majority |
| Light Type | 22.00-29.50 | 24.00-24.50 | 20.00-27.50 | 22.00-23.00 |
| Heavy Type | 33.00-37.00 | 33.00-34.00 | 31.00-35.00 | 31.00-33.00 |

**Miscellaneous Poultry
Ready-To-Cook Prices Negotiated For Delivery To First Receivers,
U.S. Grade A And Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. And Up
For Week Of December 31, 2002**

| | Hens | Range | Mostly |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Central | Ice Packed (12 Head Per Box) | 61-66 | - |
| | Vacuum Pack (6-9 Head Per Box) | 62-79 | |
| S. California | Under 5 Lbs. | TFEWR | - |
| | Over 5 Lbs. | 69-75 | |